

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



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ARSENAULT STEPS DOWN AS CONCORDIA HOCKEY COACH AFTER 26 SEASONS. 16 LEAGUE TITLES AND 597 VICTORIES

Montreal/ Bob Philip, Director of Concordia University's Department of Fitness, Recreation & Athletics announced Wednesday that Paul Arsenault, the second-winningest coach in university hockey history, has stepped down as the school's head hockey coach. Arsenault will leave the coaching ranks to concentrate on his duties as Associate Director of the department.

A native of Prince Edward Island, Paul's career as head hockey coach spanned a 27 year period (including a 1 year leave) in which he guided the Sir George Williams Georgians, Loyola Warriors and Concordia Stingers to 16 conference championships. His overall record of 597-318-66 ranks second on the all-time list of university coaches in North America behind University of Alberta's Clare Drake.

Arsenault came to Montreal in 1963 to coach the Sir George Williams Georgians and transformed a mediocre squad into a national contender capturing six league titles in nine years. In 1972 he moved cross-town to take over the reins of Sir George's archrival, the Loyola Warriors and directed them to two league championships in three years.

With the merger of Sir George and Loyola in 1975, Arsenault directed the Concordia Stingers to nine consecutive titles. He was twice named Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union's Coach of the Year.

Paul received a Physical Education degree from the University of New Brunswick and also attended the University of Oregon, where he obtained a Master of Science degree. In 1973, he was named to Canada's Fitness Council where he served for two years. Paul was an outstanding all-around athlete in high school and university. He played both hockey and football at the University of New Brunswick and was voted the M.V.P. of the U.N.B. football team his final year.

BEAUCAGE TAKES OVER AS HEAD COACH

Yves Beaucage, who has been assistant coach the past two seasons, has been named to replace Paul Arsenault as the Stinger head coach.

"When Yves joined the Stingers it was with the intention of his becoming the head coach at some future date," said Philip.

Beaucage is considered one of the top young coaches on the university hockey scene. He began his coaching career with the McGill hockey program in 1985 and served three years as a full time assistant. He joined Arsenault in 1988 and served as Director of Player Recruitment as well as assistant coach for the Stingers.

"With Paul available to work with him and his background we feel Yves will be successful as a head coach."